

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ISLAMA 02238 081002Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00
SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 MCT-01 OMB-01 TRSE-00 /052 W
-----081005Z 069551 /14

O 080915Z MAR 77

FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 213
INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL KARACHI IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL LAHORE
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 2238

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PK, PINT
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN QUIET DAY AFTER POLLING

1. THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IS GENERALLY QUIET IN
PAKISTAN THE DAY AFTER POLLING FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
TENSIONS AND TEMPERS WERE HIGH ON ELECTION DAY, AND THERE
WAS SPORADIC VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY MARCH SEVENTH.

2. THE GOP HAS ANNOUNCED THAT EIGHT PERSONS WERE KILLED
DURING "BREACHES OF LAW AND ORDER" ON ELECTION DAY AND 130
WERE INJURED. GOVERNMENT HANDOUT ALSO STATES THIRTEEN
POLICEMEN WERE INJURED, ONE SERIOUSLY. STATEMENT ADDS
INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN VARIOUS CITIES THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN
INCLUDING KARACHI, HYDERABAD, LYALLPUR, ABBOTTABAD AND
SUKKUR. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN COUNTRY ALSO REPORT
VIOLENCE ON ELECTION DAY WITH INITIAL ESTIMATES OF THOSE
KILLED AND INJURED CLOSE TO OFFICIALLY RELEASED FIGURES.

3. CONGEN LAHORE AND CONSULATE PESHAWAR REPORT ALL RELATIVELY
QUIET TODAY. KARACHI REPORTS THAT THERE WAS SPORADIC
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ISLAMA 02238 081002Z

GUNFIRE BY ADHERENTS OF BOTH PARTIES ON ELECTION DAY AND
LOOTING AND BURNING OCCURRED, MOSTLY IN POORER LYARI QUARTER.
CONGEN ESTIMATES THAT SIX KILLED IN KARACHI AND TWO IN
HYDERABAD WITH MANY MORE INJURED.

4. KARACHI ADDS THAT SECURITY FORCES WERE AVAILABLE TO DEAL
PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH INCIDENTS WHICH AROSE. PROBLEMS

WERE SUCCESSFULLY ISOLATED AND AT NO TIME WAS THERE A SERIOUS THREAT OF VIOLENCE SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE CITY. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WAS GOOD LIAISON AMONG POLICE, FSF AND MILITARY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER WERE THEREFORE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE MAJOR THREATS TO DOMESTIC SECURITY.

5. SECTION 144 HAS BEEN IMPOSED THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN AND WILL BE RELAXED ONLY DURING POLLING HOURS FOR THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION MARCH 10. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS, PROCESSIONS AND RALLIES IN PUBLIC PLACES BY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE BANNED.

6. ASGHAR KHAN HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY IN PINDI AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL. HE THEN LEAVES FOR LAHORE FOR AN 1800 HOURS MEETING OF THE PNA LEADERSHIP TO DECIDE ON A POST NA ELECTION STRATEGY. WE UNDERSTAND MOST FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN TOWN, INCLUDING REPS FROM N.Y. TIMES, L.A. TIMES, FINANCIAL TIMES, AP, REUTERS AND NEWSWEEK WILL COVER ASGHAR KHAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.
BYROADE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 08-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ISLAMA02238
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770079-0180
Format: TEL
From: ISLAMABAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770383/aaaacvec.tel
Line Count: 83
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3b38febb-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3180120
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PAKISTAN QUIET DAY AFTER POLLING
TAGS: PINT, PK
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3b38febb-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009